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1. Is transmitted further information concerning the Egyptian agent who
2. came to Argentina, General Hassan Fadil, and his anti-Jewish
3. connection with Mr. JOHN VAN HEES, who probably
4. is still in Argentina and is currently in Egypt in view of
5. political circumstances.

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1. Information from a local newspaper states:

"JOHANN VON LEERS, well-known Nazi propagandist who later worked for RASSAN FAKHRY ISMAIL, is presently collaborating in a 'hate' campaign of Egypt against Israel, according to information received today (27 August) from a Canadian correspondent en route from Cairo. In a dispatch from Cairo which caused his dismissal, WILLIAM STEVENS, reporter for the Toronto 'Daily Star', said that he interviewed VON LEERS in the Egyptian capital. Following is an extract from his dispatch: 'Germans who came to get Hitler's racial theories out of their heads, Germans dominated by hatred of Jews, Germans who continue to fight ROMMEL's battle in the desert under the eyes of advisors to General MASSER are found in all parts of Egypt today. I also met one of them today, an ex-colleague of Dr. GOERGELS, who later fled to Argentina. He offered his services to the dictator of that country. It was JOHANN VON LEERS, a doctor of Philosophy and Professor of History in an East German University, with a long Nazi background. Professor VON LEERS spoke on his favorite topic, in which he specializes as a propagandist paid by MASSER. I quote here a statement of VON LEERS: "Israel is abnormal. It is not large enough nor fertile enough to support all the Jews. It must disappear. It will cause problems. You ask why MASSER speaks so much money allying Arabs outside of Egypt against Israel when there is so much here. Well, here is Israel. The Zionists are responsible for ninety percent of the world press attack on MASSER and Egypt". VON LEERS, who occupies an office in that of the "chief of propaganda against Israel" told STEVENS that he is a "traitor".

2. Information available to this office indicates that Dr. J. VON LEERS arrived in Argentina in 1950 and that he lived here under very bad circumstances. Supposedly from 1950 to 1954, he was occupied in giving lectures in ancient history and taught French and German by private lessons. From 1954 to 1955 it was reported that he did a number of translations for the press secretary of the presidency and in this way was instrumental in participating somewhat in public information campaigns against Jews in Argentina. Information available indicates that at the same time as he was for the PGRN government, he also was attempting to create problems for ANTONIO ISMAYIL, former Minister of Interior, who was a Jew and believed to be a Communist.

3. During 1954-1955 Dr. VON LEERS made contact with the Egyptian Embassy where he was hired by General RASSAN FAKHRY ISMAIL with instructions to establish an anti-Semitic campaign in Argentina. This campaign was such a success in the mind of General ISMAIL that he offered VON LEERS a job reportedly at a very good salary in Cairo. He, therefore, left Argentina in February 1956 to take up residence in Cairo. General ISMAIL stated that upon the publication of the above information concerning VON LEERS' activities in Egypt that he was very pleased with his selection of this man and if the Western press could give so much play to this subject, he was sure he was a valuable man. Approximately two weeks ago the family of Dr. VON LEERS departed Argentina for Egypt where they will join the doctor.

4. Information from contact who was acquainted with Dr. VON LEERS states that in Germany he had the reputation of being a very good historian but his activities in the Nazi propaganda field were very limited and he was used more in an advisory capacity than in an operational one.

Comments of Preparing Officer:

5. This information supports the facts given in the report that the activities in Argentina are of a anti-semitic nature. It is suggested that the information at this time but it is known that General ANTONIO ISMAYIL had the request all of the attaches assigned to Argentina and also the Argentine military personnel due to his anti-semitic attitudes and his friendliness with the Nazis.

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